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Suspension of Prosecution

The amendment filed 3/12/03 has been entered. Claims 49, 51, 61, 62, 71 and 72 have been cancelled. Claims 48, 50, 53, 55, and 63 have been amended. Claims 73-98 have been added.

The rejections under 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, first para. are withdrawn in view of the claim amendments.

The terminal disclaimers filed on 3/12/03 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration dates of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,994,106 and 6,482,616 have been reviewed and are accepted. The terminal disclaimers have been recorded. The obviousness-type double patenting rejections over the '106 and '616 patents have been overcome.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections over US Application Nos. 08/258,416; 09/261,922; and 09/934,207 are maintained for the reasons of record. Applicant has indicated that a response to these rejections will be made if and when they are no longer provisional. No other rejections or objections are outstanding at this time.

The outcome of Interference Nos. 104,825 and 104,829 (involving co-pending application 08/258,416) have a material bearing on the patentability of claims in this application. Prosecution in this application is SUSPENDED pending a final judgment in the interference.

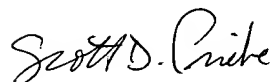
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